



Grafton Conservation Commission

MINUTES of the GRAFTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

January 19, 2016

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A meeting of the Grafton Conservation Commission was held in Conference Room F of the Grafton Municipal Center on January 19, 2016. Present were: Co-Chairperson Sandra Brock, Heather Trudell, Kathleen Theoharides, Conservation Agent Maria Mast, and Conservation Assistant Leah Cameron. Co-Chairperson John Wilson and Peter Finn were absent.

Co-Chairperson Sandra Brock opened the public meeting at 7:00 p.m.

DEP #164-897 / WP #730 / SW #15-005 – 9 Depot Street –

The Commission reviewed the revised plans for a minor project change with Dana Green of CDM Smith. Proposed revisions consisted of four changes in erosion control location within grassed areas to expand the limit of work and the removal of twelve trees on a neighboring property. The Commission noted that the proposed stockpile locations are not changing and requested a copy of the agreement made with the neighbor for the twelve trees. Heather Trudell made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Theoharides, that the proposed changes are minor. The motion carried unanimously. Heather Trudell made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Theoharides, to accept the minor changes as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

7:15 p.m. – Request for Determination of Applicability – 361 Providence Road (Assessor's Map 124, Lot 44) – The applicant, Danial Guilbeault, proposed the construction of a garage within resource areas and requested that the Commission determine whether the area and/or proposed work are subject to the Wetlands Protection Act and/or the Grafton Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Daniel Guilbeault explained that the proposed garage has changed to a smaller, 14' x 24' pre-fabricated garage on a 16' x 26' x 3" crushed stone pad. The proposed changes place the structure two feet farther from the stream. Heather Trudell made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Theoharides, to issue a negative determination for 361 Providence Road with conditions that the erosion control shall be installed as shown on the plan and that no stockpiling shall occur within 100 feet of the resource area. The motion carried unanimously.

7:30 p.m. – DEP File # 164-908 - NOI, Application for Grafton Wetlands Bylaw Permit #, 741– 31 Browns Road (Assessor's Map 85, Lot 2A) - The applicant, Dave Mason, proposed the construction of a new house with a septic system, well, driveway, and utilities, within resource areas. Norman Hill of Land Planning, Inc. presented the project to the Commission. The house, septic system, and well will be located as far away from the wetland as possible. Runoff from the driveway and roof drains will be directed into a rain garden. The applicant is seeking a waiver because the project does not meet Performance Standard #4 of the Grafton Wetlands Protection Bylaw Regulations, which requires 75% of the lot to be upland. At the Commission's request, Arthur Allen of EcoTec, Inc. will peer review the wetland boundaries. Kristie Pease of 79 Old Upton Road said that she sold the property to the applicant and is in support of the project. The project falls within an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). Heather Trudell made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Theoharides, to continue the public hearing for 31 Browns Road to February 16, 2016 at the applicant's request. The motion carried unanimously.

7:45 p.m. – DEP File #164-908 – NOI, Application for Grafton Wetlands Bylaw Permit #741 – 50 Creeper Hill Road (Assessor's Map 10, Lot 33) – The applicant, MA DCR Office of Dam Safety, proposed the replacement of the bascule gate at the Irish Dam within resource areas. Matt Bellisle of Pare Corporation presented the project to the Commission. The gate for this earthen dam on Lake Quinsigamond is rotten and

under temporary repairs. It needs to be removed and a new gate needs to be installed in its place. This will require the installation of a washed rock access road and a pad for hoisting equipment, both to be removed upon completion of the project. The access road will be lined with silt fence. Water will be diverted over ogees to maintain flow while the repair is completed. The temporary set up is designed to accommodate a ten year storm. Equipment will be removed if a severe storm event is predicted. Turbidity barriers will be utilized before and after the dam. The Commission discussed a special condition requiring a copy of the paperwork that is on file with the Office of Dam Safety to ensure the design mitigates any potential scouring from the temporarily diverted flow. The Commission also discussed special conditions requiring: landscaping specifications, emergency contact information for the contractor, a stamped plan for the coffer dams and bascule gate, and a pre-construction erosion control inspection. Heather Trudell made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Theoharides, to close the public hearing and issue the Order of Conditions for 50 Creeper Hill Road with the special conditions that were discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

DEP File #164-601 / WP #448 – 50 Creeper Hill Road (Assessor's Map 10, Lot 33) – The Commission reviewed a Request for a Certificate of Compliance for repairs to the Irish Dam which were completed in 2005. Heather Trudell made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Theoharides, to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 50 Creeper Hill Road. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission did not take any action on the January 5, 2016 meeting minutes or the Request for Certificate of Compliance for 2 Elliot Trail. These items will be rescheduled for the February 2, 2016 meeting.

Heather Trudell made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Theoharides, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Documents discussed located in the Conservation Commission office:

Revised plans for 9 Depot Street

Request for Determination of Applicability & Determination of Applicability for 361 Providence Road

Notice of Intent, Application for Grafton Wetlands Bylaw Permit, Waiver Request for 31 Browns Road

Notice of Intent, Application for Grafton Wetlands Bylaw Permit, Order of Conditions for 50 Creeper Hill Road

Request for Certificate of Compliance & Certificate of Compliance for 50 Creeper Hill Road

Agent's Report to the Commissioners dated January 19, 2016

Minutes drafted by Leah Cameron

Approved on February 2, 2016